

**IDAHO SPEECH, HEARING AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES LICENSURE
BOARD**

Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses

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Board Meeting Minutes of 4/6/2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gayle L Chaney - Chair
Barbra Osterhout
Kevin C Woodall
Teresa Lee Rose
La Vona Andrew
Kenneth W Nuhn
Cynthia K Olsen

DIVISION STAFF: Nicki Chopski, Section Chief
Julie Eavenson, Licensing Group Manager
Lori Peel, Investigative Unit Manager
Nicholas Krema, General Counsel
Tim Frost, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Manager
Dicsie Gullick, Team Lead
Debbie Toncray, Board Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Christine Meeuwsen, Attorney, Disability Rights Idaho

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM MDT by Gayle L Chaney.

INTRODUCTIONS

All the Board members introduced themselves. The Division staff present did the same. Ms. Eavenson talked about the team concept and introduced the team that was assigned to assist the Board. She said that Ms. Toncray will send a list to the Board with the contact information for those on the team.

DISCUSSION: PRESCRIBING OPIOID ANTAGONISTS – IDAHO CODE § 54-1733B

Ms. Chopski discussed the recent changes in the law for healthcare providers who can prescribe and dispense opioid antagonists, specifically Naloxone, and the relevance of the law to the Board's scope of practice.

DISCUSSION: TELEHEALTH AND INTERSTATE COMPACT

Ms. Chopski and Mr. Frost discussed the changes in telehealth and HB0179 with the Board, and how this could affect the Board entering into the interstate compact. The Board agreed that it needed to continue to research the impacts of the interstate compact on the Board before considering joining.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Osterhout made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/17/2020. It was seconded by Ms. Rose. Motion carried.

COMPLAINT MEMORANDUM

Ms. Peel gave the investigative report, which is linked above.

FOR BOARD DETERMINATION

Ms. Rose made a motion to approve the Division's recommendation and authorize closure in case number I-SHS-2021-5. It was seconded by Ms. Andrew. Motion carried.

LAWS AND RULES

Ms. Hall presented a legislative update and stated that S1024, S1026, and S1056, regarding the consolidation of several self-governing regulatory Boards under the umbrella of the Division, have passed through the Legislature and have been sent to the Governor.

DIVISION UPDATE

Ms. Hall discussed the move of the Division and the temporary housing in building number six at the HP Chinden Campus. She said that the Division will likely move to building number four early next year. Ms. Hall said that in-person meetings will probably not occur until after the move and will continue to be conducted via WebEx.

Ms. Hall stated that any Board member contacted by an applicant or licensee should direct them to contact the Division staff with questions and information so that Board members do not need to recuse themselves from discussions or application consideration.

DIVISION BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the To Do List and no action was taken.

BOARD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION: INTERSTATE COMPACTS

The Board chair said that Ms. Kafas, attorney from the North Carolina Board, was going to be on the call but must have had a conflicting meeting. Mr. Crema reviewed the North Carolina Dental Examiners Board v. Federal Trade Commission case and the outcome of it, including the effects on this Board and others. He said one of the effects was that it removed some boundaries for military spouses to become licensed within a maximum 30-day time period.

Mr. Crema said he and the Board chair discussed the letter to the Board from the Idaho Speech & Hearing Association (ISHA), and a response was sent to ISHA. Mr. Crema

said the response was to remind ISHA that the role of the Board is to protect the public and ISHA's role is generally to promote the profession.

Mr. Frost further reviewed HB0179 with the Board and discussed the components of compacts in general. He said the process for applicants already licensed in other states could be more expedient as they could be credentialed in Idaho to practice through the compact. The Board chair reiterated that the Board needs to gather more information, and there are only a few states joining the compact at this time.

Ms. Olsen left the meeting at 9:00 AM MDT.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Eavenson gave the financial report, which indicated that the Board had a cash balance of \$341,153.82 as of 2/28/2021. There were a few questions about the increase in expenditures and decrease in revenue. Division staff will research and report back at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICES (ETS) PRAXIS TEST ADOPTION – AUDIOLOGY

The Board reviewed correspondence from ETS regarding the Board's approval of the new version of the new audiology test (5343). Ms. Andrew made a motion for the Board to accept the new version of the audiology test (5343) and asked staff to send a letter to inform ETS of the Board's approval. It was seconded by Mr. Nuhn. Motion carried.

SLP AIDE/ASSISTANT QUESTION

The Board reviewed correspondence from Ms. Davis regarding the difference in being licensed as a speech language pathologist aide versus a speech language pathologist assistant. The Board directed the Division to draft a letter for the Board chair's review to re-direct Ms. Davis to the laws and rules regarding the requirements for licensure.

BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

The Board reviewed correspondence from Bloomsburg University regarding approval of its program curriculum. The Board directed the Division to respond with citation of the Board's laws and rules regarding the Board's graduation requirement in Idaho Code § 54-2912 and Rule 210.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Rose made a motion that the Board go into executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to consider documents relating to the fitness of an applicant to be granted a license or registration. It was seconded by Mr. Nuhn. The vote was: Ms. Chaney, aye;

Ms. Osterhout, aye; Mr. Woodall, aye; Ms. Rose, aye; Ms. Andrew, aye; Mr. Olsen, aye; and Mr. Nuhn, aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Osterhout made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Mr. Woodall. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

Ms. Rose made a motion to deny the following based on Idaho Code §§ 54-2919(1)(d), 67-9411, and IDAPA § 24.23.01.320 because the prior felony convictions posed a risk to the health, safety and welfare of the public:

Applicant ID 901181101

It was seconded by Mr. Woodall. Motion carried.

Ms. Andrew made a motion to approve the following for licensure:

SHSA-4685	Jessica Myers
SHSA-4699	Jocelyn Hoge

It was seconded by Mr. Woodall. Motion carried.

CE FOR REINSTATEMENT

The Board discussed the CE for reinstatement and the rule regarding hardship waiver. The Board directed staff to draft a letter for Ms. Osterhout's review and to send it to the licensee once the letter is approved.

NEXT MEETINGS were scheduled for May 18, 2021 and June 16, 2021, both at 8:15 AM MDT.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Osterhout made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 AM MDT. It was seconded by Ms. Rose. Motion carried.